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SOURCE Lao-tung Jih-pao.REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMITTANCE INTO CHINESE YOUTH CORPS

Article 22 of the Constitution of the NDYC (New Democracy Youth Corps) of China gives the right to interpret the Constitution to the Central Committee of the NDYC. With this authority, the committee published in the T'ang-shan Lao-tung Jih-pao, of 4 March 1952, its interpretation of Article 3 of the Constitution which outlines who may be admitted into the Youth Corps.

The following is a summary of this interpretation:

What qualifies youths to join the NDYC? Article 3 of the corps Constitution stipulates the qualifications as follows:

"All youths of either sex, between the age of 14 and 25, who support the principles of the CCP, who are willing to struggle actively for the New Democracy revolutionary enterprises, who are willing to serve the working people faithfully, recognize and obey the Youth Corps Constitution and resolutions, and are willing to work as corps members, are eligible for application to join the corps."

Before a youth requests admission into the corps, he must first meet the age requirement as stipulated above. His background must be investigated to prevent infiltration of counterrevolutionaries intent on carrying out sabotage within the corps. Furthermore, a youth who requests admission must be progressive-minded, active in work, and must recognize and obey the corps program, Constitution, and resolutions.

Being "progressive-minded" means that a member admitted into the corps must possess a definite political consciousness, must be willing to serve the working people faithfully, and must be willing to struggle for the New Democracy construction and the future establishment of the Socialist state in China. This means that he must understand that it was solely the leadership of the CCP which brought about the victory of Chinese people's revolution and effected the New Democracy in China, that the CCP is the organizer and leader of the NDYC, that the NDYC is the faithful and intimate helper of the CCP,

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that corps members must study and support the party doctrine, theories and policy, and that, under party leadership, they must consciously struggle for the defense and the construction of new China and for the liberation of all mankind.

"Being active in work" means that a youth who asks admission to the corps must not only understand but also pursue the above-mentioned revolutionary principles voluntarily. He must participate actively in patriotic movements launched by the party and the people's government, such as the Resist America, Aid Korea, land reform, suppression of counterrevolution, the Three-Anti and the Five-Anti campaigns. He must also consciously exert initiative and creativeness at his own job to defend and construct our fatherland. This applies to worker and peasant youths at production jobs; to youths in military units at the battle front or at national defense jobs; to students at their posts of ideological remolding, strengthening the proletarian ideological weapon, and mastering scientific and cultural knowledge; and to young workers at their positions in government agencies and schools.

"Recognizing and obeying the corps program, Constitution, and resolutions" means that each youth seeking admission to the corps must understand that the NDYC is a revolutionary organization functioning in accordance with the corps program and Constitution. Therefore, if he applies for admission he must recognize and obey the corps program, Constitution, and resolutions, and faithfully fulfill the various tasks assigned him.

Equal importance must be attached to each of the three stipulations mentioned above. If equal importance is not placed on each of the three stipulations, the requirements for admission to the corps will be lowered and the organizational and militant nature of the corps will be weakened. Such incorrect approach has occurred in the past during the recruitment of members and still persists and must be corrected. In addition, another incorrect approach to be avoided is the habit of placing too high a standard on each of the three stipulations. This may result in preventing many qualified youths from joining the corps. Such a practice has become a serious obstacle in the recruitment drive and must be corrected.

Every corps branch must designate members to conduct thorough investigation and education of young activists currently engaged in the various patriotic campaigns. This will greatly facilitate the screening of qualified activists for admittance into the corps. It is the regular work of the branch and the duty of every corps member to uphold conditions laid down in the corps Constitution for consolidating and augmenting the corps organization.

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